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Sharing of Aadhaar Data
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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Aadhaar data has been transferred/shared with any private entities including telecom companies;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(c) if not, whether the Government has noticed the misuse of biometric data collected through Aadhaar by some private telecom companies;
(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
(e) the measures taken by the Government to prevent the misuse of the shared data?

Answer

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Aadhaar Data (Demographic details along with photographs) are shared/ transferred with the private entities including telecom companies as per the Aadhaar (Targeted delivery of Financial and other subsidies, benefits and services) Act, 2016 with the consent of Aadhaar number holder to fulfil their e-KYC requirements. The data is shared in encrypted form through secured channel.

Sharing/ transfer of data is governed as per the provision of Aadhaar Act, 2016 and the regulations notified there under.

(a) and (d): Do not arise.

(e): Provisions in the Aadhaar Act, 2016 regarding taking consent of the resident, informing the resident the purpose of authentication, provision of the penal actions against any unauthorized use etc. are there to prevent the misuse of the shared data.

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